

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 7, 2005, Applicant(s) respectfully request reconsideration. Claim 1-3, 6-10, 15-17, and 20-25 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1 and 15 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 4-5, 11-14, 18-19, and 26-34 have been cancelled. A version of the claims containing markings to show the changes made is included hereinabove. Applicants believe that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

In the Specification

The Examiner stated that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicants have amended the title to read "Method and System for Processing Changes to Existing Purchase Orders in an Object-Oriented Order Processing System" as suggested by the Examiner, which is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Rejections under §102

Claims 1, 14 -15, 30, and 32-33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by WO 99/57664 to Marcam (hereinafter Marcam). Marcam discloses a System and Method for Automated Order Processing.

Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 4-5. In particular, amended claims 1 and 15 now recite wherein the comparing is done concurrently with the step of generating the change order, such that the step of generating a change order result is performed during the processing of each object in an existing order for which it was indicated that there is a new value for an attribute of that object.

The Examiner stated that Marcam discloses the same at paragraphs 3-4 of page 46, 46, 55 and in Figures 2-3. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiners position. A review of Marcam reveals that Marcam fails to disclose or

suggest that the comparing and the generating of the change order are done concurrently. Marcam discloses an immediate event processor and a delayed event processor. Further, as discussed in Marcam at page 47, lines 2-8, a sequence number is assigned to each event and the events are executed as sequential actions., thus there is no concurrent processing of comparing and generating

By way of presently amended claim 1, the step of generating a change order result in the step of comparing is performed during the processing of each object in the existing order for which the change signal indicates a new value for an attribute of that object. In this embodiment then, each change specified in the change to the existing order (i.e. the received change) causes an incremental addition to the change order result which includes any values of attributes that existed prior to the change as well as the new values of those attributes in a change order created as a result of applying a change to the change order.

Therefore, since Marcam disclose executing events as **sequential actions** while amended claim 1 recites comparing and generating **concurrently**, claim 1 is believed allowable over Marcam. Claim 15 has been amended in a similar manner as claim 1 and is believed allowable for the same reasons. Claims 14, 30 and 32-33 have been cancelled. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 1, 14 -15, 30, and 32-33 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Marcam is believed to have been overcome.

#### Rejections under §103

Claims 2-12, 16-27 31 and 34 were rejected under **35 U.S.C. §103** as being obvious over Marcam and in view of Official Notice. As discussed above, claims 4, 5, 18-19, 26-27 and 32-33 have been cancelled. Claims 2, 3, 6-10, 16, 17 and 20 – 25 depend from claims 1 or 15 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 2-12, 16-27 31 and 34 under **35 U.S.C. §103** as being obvious over Marcam and in view of Official Notice is believed to have been overcome.

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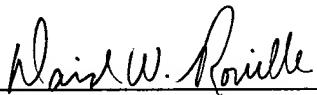
The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest the present invention.

In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing the pending claims in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,



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